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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL'S VIEWS ON POSSIBLE SECURITY
ACTION ON CYPRUS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ESENBEL ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM MID-AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 25. MEETING, WHICH COVERED ANOTHER SUBJECT (SEE TEL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING), LASTED NEARLY AN HOUR. ESENBEL HAD BEFORE HIM A LONG TELEGRAM FROM TURK UN REC OLCAY REPORTING ON OLCAY'S RECENT DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR BUFFUM. ACCORDING TO OLCAY, BUFFUM HAD SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO COOPERATE WITH THE TURKISH UN DELEGATION. ESENBEL ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS.

2. ESENBEL THEN REVIEWED AT SOME LENGTH DISCUSSIONS GOT AND GOG HAD HAD WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM. HE SAID THAT GOT HAD GONE ALONG WITH THE IDEA OF MOVING THE SITE OF THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS. GOT HAD, IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH WALDHEIM, TOLD HIM THAT NEW YORK WAS UNACCEPTABLE AS A SITE EITHER FOR GOT OR TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN VIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES AND "OTHER OBVIOUS REASONS." AFTER CHECKING WITH DENKTASH, GOT HAD SENT WORD TO WALDHEIM
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THAT VIENNA WAS ACCEPTABLE. THE GOT FELT, SAID ESENBEL,

THAT THE DISCUSSIONS COULD PROCEED SUCCESSFULLY IF THEY PROCEEDED AT A NEW SITE WITHIN THE PRESENT FRAMEWORK, I.E., NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES, "POSSIBLY TO BE ASSISTED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF GREECE AND TURKEY," AND OF COURSE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNSYG'S REPRESENTATIVE, NAMELY MR. WECKMANN.

3. ESENBEL THEN SAID THAT BUFFUM, FOLLOWING A CONVERSATION WITH CLERIDES, HAD SEEMED TO INDICATE TO OLCAY THAT THIS FRAMEWORK COULD INCLUDE SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES WHO WOULD ACT AS "ADVISERS" FOR UNSYG. ESENBEL SAID THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS COULD NOT RPT NOT AGREE TO THAT SUGGESTION NOR COULD THE GOT.

4. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH TALKS, SAID ESENBEL, WAS TO NEGOTIATE IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR A FUTURE FEDERAL STATE. THE PARTIES TO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, CONTINUED ESENBEL, WERE VERY WELL DEFINED. THEY WERE THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES, "AND, OF COURSE, AT A LATER STAGE, AT LEAST THE NATIONAL GUARANTORS." I ASKED ESENBEL IF BY "NATIONAL GUARANTORS" HE MEANT GREECE AND TURKEY. HE SAID "YES, AND THE BRITISH IF THEY ARE WILLING." ESENBEL SAID THE ROLE OF THE "NATIONAL GUARANTORS" WOULD BE TO ASSIST IN SOLVING THE REMAINING PROBLEMS AND TO FINALIZE THE AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE MAIN PARTIES.

5. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION IT CAME OUT THAT THE TURKS WERE QUITE UNRECEPTIVE TO THE ARGUMENT THAT APPOINTMENT OF NONALIGNED "ADVISERS" WAS A FORM OF WINDOW-DRESSING OR A FACE-SAVING DEVICE REQUIRED BY THE GREEKS. ESENBEL PARTICULARLY RESENTED THE DRAWING OF A PARALLEL BETWEEN THIS PROPOSAL AND WHAT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE HANDLING OF THE NAMIBIA ISSUE. HE SAID THAT WHAT WAS INVOLVED HERE WERE ISSUES VITAL TO THE TWO COMMUNITIES ON THE ISLAND AND TO THE TWO NATIONS WITH WHOM THOSE COMMUNITIES HAD CLOSE TIES. A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME DEPENDED ENTIRELY ON AGREEMENT AMONG THOSE PARTIES. HE SAID THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO BRING IN OTHERS COULD ONLY BE INTERPRETED BY GOT AS A GREEK DESIRE TO AVOID SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. HE CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY AGAIN EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S HAVING SENT CONFIDENTIAL

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